MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Where?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): In the Laboratory.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Who is the particular officer who makes use of this at present?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The Industrial Chemist.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know for what purpose the machine is used?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): It is stated in the answer. It is being used in several ways and the results are unknown.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Has it produced any result?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): From the operation of a furnace we cannot say that any result has been produced.

Sub-Registrar's Office, Trivandrum.

103. **MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI** (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware:

(i) that the large number of men and women who flock to the Sub-Registrar's Office, Trivandrum, are left to the mercy of the sun and rain for want of a waiting shed;

(ii) that they are put to considerable hardship and inconvenience for want of drinking water on account of the paucity of a well there;

(iii) that the men, and women more, are suffering difficulty for want of a latrine there; and

(*b*) whether they will consider the question of redressing the grievances of the public in this as well as other similarly situated Sub-Registrars' offices in the State at a very early date?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) (i) Government are aware that there is no waiting shed attached to the Sub-Registrar's office at Trivandrum.

(ii) The Director of Registration reports that there is a well in the compound.

(iii) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) The matter is being enquired into.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): With reference to part (*a*) (ii) of the question may I know from the Chief Secretary whether the letter of the Director of Registration that there is a well in the compound contains any information as to whether there is any water in the well that is now being used by the people?

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MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : It does not contain any information about it.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*) : Will the Chief Secretary please enquire into it ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

State Aided Bank, Alleppey.

104. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*) : With reference to the State Aided Bank Ltd., Alleppey, will the Government be pleased to furnish the following information :—

(*a*) the various reasons that weighed with the Government for not confirming Mr. K. C. Pandalai in the managership of the Bank;

(*b*) the qualification of his successor Mr. T. D. Pillai ;

(*c*) whether the Government are aware of the popular protest against the appointment of Mr. T. D. Pillai ; if so, what action have they taken or propose to take in the matter ; and

(*d*) whether the Government will be pleased to place on the table all the papers relating to the management of the Bank ?

MR. K. N. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) The Manager is, under the Bank's Articles, appointed by the Directors with the approval of the Government.

No application was made to the Government for their assent to the appointment of Mr. K. C. Pandalai as the permanent Manager of the State Aided Bank.

(*b*) Mr. T. D. Pillai is a Certified Associate of the Institute of Bankers (London) and has had over 10 years' practical experience in Banking.

(*c*) The Government have received protests from certain quarters. The appointment by the Bank of its officials is a matter which concerns the share-holders of the Bank which is a Joint Stock Co., under the Companies' Regulation, and not the outside public.

(*d*) Articles 92 to 98 of the Bank's Articles of Association relate to the management of the Bank.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : May I know whether the Government approved the appointment of Mr. Pandalai as Manager at first ?

MR. K. N. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*) Is the member referring to the appointment of a permanent Manager for the Bank ?

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : No. My question is whether when Mr. Pandalai was appointed as acting Manager the Government approved of the appointment.

MR. K. I. JOSEPH (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*) : I rise to a point of order, Sir. Is this not purely a personal matter ?

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : There is no personality involved in it. Anybody can understand that I am concerned only with the post of Managership. That is all. It is an intellectual impossibility to forget the man behind the post.

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